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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
A-7641

In Re Application Of: **Travis L. ALLAN et al**

Serial No.
09/966,750

Filing Date
October 1, 2001

Examiner
Philip C. Tucker

Group Art Unit
1712

Invention: **FRACTURING FLUID**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 8, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: April 8, 2004 Date until: May 8, 2004 Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	58 -	20 =	38	x \$9.00	\$342.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	4 =	1	x \$43.00	\$43.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$385.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$440.00

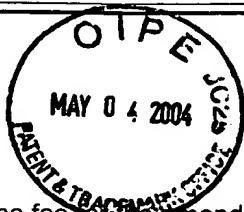
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of **\$440.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**

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Signature

Dated: **May 3, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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